Upgradation of historical places

†3295. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to make the historical places of National heritage' of international level;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the amount of funds proposed to be allocated for each heritage sites for this purpose; and

(d) by when this plan is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) There is no such proposal with the Government at present. However, the conservation and preservation of Centrally protected monuments, and improvement of facilities therein is a continuing process attended to by the Archaeological Survey of India. For the current year (2006-07) there is a provision of Rs. 98.60 crores for conservation, preservation and environmental development of Centrally protected monuments.

Preservation of historical monuments in Delhi

3296. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL;
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA;

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) the amount spent on preservation of historical monuments in the National Capital Territory of Delhi during the last three years; and

(b) what are the various modes of utilization of these funds to ensure the safety of these monuments?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The year-wise details of amount spent on centrally protected monuments in the National Capital Territory of Delhi during the last three years are as under:—

2003-04	Rs. 1126.37 lakhs
2004-05	Rs. 898.43 lakhs
2005-06	Rs. 866.39 lakhs

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The funds are mainly utilized for structural conservation, chemical preservation and environmental development of the protected monuments to ensure safety and better presentation of these cultural sites.

Development of Linganamakki Dam in Shimoga District, Karnataka

3297. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central grant is extended to for development of Rural Tourism Destination in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, with assistance released during the last three years under the scheme, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether the State Government of Karnataka has sought assistance under the scheme for development of Linganamakki Dam in Shimoga District, Karnataka; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The creation of infrastructure in Rural areas having potential for tourism is being supported under the existing scheme of Destination Development, while community participation and the capacity building including skill upgradation in such Rural areas are being supported through GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project. The Central Assistance for infrastructure creation, which has been sanctioned during the last three years is enclosed at Statement-I while the details of Central assistance provided for capacity building etc. Under UNDP project are at Statement-I. *(See* below)

(c) and (d) No such proposal complete in all respect has been received from the State Government of Karnataka.